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Book launch

Brenda Peddigrew speaks to the crowd at the launch of her latest book, *Finding the Line*, at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on March 26. The book is a collection of essays about encountering nature, derived largely from the regular walks she takes in the area of her Algonquin Highlands home.

Chad Ingram Times staff

Family rescues dog from icy river

Minden residents use a tin boat and a garden fork to make their way out onto ice

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A Minden dog is home safe and sound with its owner after being pulled from the Gull River by a couple of residents and their grandchildren during the weekend.

Ron and Bernice Tucker live along the Gull south of the village. It was Sunday morning when Bernice spotted two white dogs walking on the ice on the opposite side of the river.

Then, one of the dogs plunged through.

"I saw it go in," said Bernice.

"She hollered at me," Ron said. "I said, 'let's go.'"

The Tuckers' grandchildren, Sarah and Ben, were visiting their grandparents at the time and rushed outside to help their grand-

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'We kept hollering, but no one came'

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parents.

Ron and Sarah grabbed their tin boat in hopes it would break the ice and they could paddle out to help the struggling canine.

It didn't though and so the going was slow, with Ron breaking the ice bit by bit with a garden fork.

"We kept hollering [for help]," Ron said, but no one came.

Finally, after what Ron said must have been 15 minutes or more, he and Sarah reached the dog, a great pyrenees, who seemed pleased to see them.

"She knew we were helping her," Ron said, explaining that he reached over and pulled the dog into the boat by its scruff.

The boat was attached to rope, the other end of which Bernice and Ben had backed on shore, and they pulled the boat ashore.

Sarah got the dog warmed up with blankets while Ron contacted Canoe FM to report what had happened.

The dog was eventually picked up by its owner.

"We don't think we're heroes or anything," Bernice said. "We're just animal lovers."



HHHSF raises \$150,000 for new equipment

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation board proudly show off the cheque for more than \$150,000 the foundation raised in the last year for the purchase of equipment for the Minden and Haliburton HHHS facilities. That equipment included items such as heart monitors, defibrillators, infusion devices and an electric bath lift chair. The foundation will now be concentrating on raising money for new X-ray machines for the facilities, the total cost of which will be \$300,000.

Chad Ingram Times staff

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Kudos to John Unrau

Seen and heard
Local news and events

HHWEN member John Unrau will be reading a selection of his poems from *Iced Water* (Salmon Poetry, Ireland, 2000) and *Exile: The Literary Quarterly* (2007) at an international symposium, "Incrocio di Poesia Contemporanea", in Venice on April 5. The poems will be read in Italian translation and English, and published by the University of Venice. A poet from Ottawa, as well as two from Germany and one from France, will also participate in the readings and discussions.

- Submitted by the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network

Learn to dance

You have the chance to ballroom dance. There will be a free ballroom dancing open house at the Minden Hills on Wednesday, March 30 at 8:30 p.m. The free workshop is being hosted by Elaine Nichol and Ken Atkinson.

Atkinson is a professional dancer and choreographer

with a resume that includes work in television specials with the likes of Anne Murray, Wayne and Shuster, Jim Carrey and Johnny Cash, among others.

He was the resident choreographer at CTV in the late '70s and early '80s and has worked on numerous stage productions as well.

No registration is required for the event.

Festival looking for banners

There are a number of spots for adult banners still available if anyone is interested in submitting a design for the Minden Hills Festival of Banners display for the coming summer. This year's theme is Mother Goose on the Loose which is open to just about any wild and crazy interpretation.

The banner committee provides all the necessary material, paint and location for painting. The banners will be painted during April in Minden and put on display in May.

Designs are being accepted until March 31. Entry forms are available from the Organic Times, 136 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden or by contacting Jack Brezina at 286-1958. There is a \$5 registration fee. The finished banners will be auctioned at the end of the season with funds raised going to support next year's Festival of Banners.

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The Highlands Weekender

March 31, 2011

Moving on after Twilight

Coles'Notes
Catherine Coles
Branch Services Librarian

It has been more than five years since Stephanie Meyer's *Twilight* was released but the popularity of the vampire romance genre does not appear to be declining. The book series is still there in its shelves of sales...

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Local firefighters attend Listowel funeral

➤ Highlands OPP and firefighters travel to Listowel to pay respects to two fallen firefighters

Chad Ingram
 Staff reporter

A group of volunteer firefighters from Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands, along with some members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment, travelled to Listowel last week to attend the funeral of two volunteer firefighters from that community.

Ken Rea, 56, and Raymond Walker, 30, died March 17 in a fire at a downtown store in the community in southwestern Ontario.

The funeral was held March 24 and Trish Sweeting, who's been on the Minden Hills department for about four years, was one of the local firefighters who attended.

"It was just one of those things . . . it could have happened to anyone," Sweeting said, explaining her urge to attend the event.

Thousands of firefighters from across the country and further attended the funeral, marching in a solemn parade to the arena where the ceremony was held.

Since not all attendees could fit inside, it was broadcast on speakers for those outside the building.

The small town was shut down, Sweeting said, with schoolchildren let out and stores closed.

She said what seemed like the town's entire population lined the streets, but yet it was still possible to hear a pin drop.

"It was almost eerie," she said. "It was a pretty moving experience."

Matt Hogg has been a volunteer firefighter for 10 years and said attending the funeral was an automatic reaction for him.

"Firefighters are kind of like a brotherhood," he said.

Hogg saw firefighters from as far away as Calgary, New York and Wisconsin.

Premier Dalton McGuinty attended and spoke at the funeral.



Minden Hills volunteer firefighter Trish Sweeting took this photo at last week's funeral of two Listowel firefighters who were killed in the line of duty. Thousands of Canadian and American firefighters attended the ceremony. /Photo by Trish Sweeting

Canada Day white pride party cancelled

Jenn Watt
 Editor

It appears a white pride party planned for this Canada Day in Minden has been cancelled.

According to the organizer's website, www.britishpeoplesleague.com, the private party will not go ahead.

"The three-day event that was going to take place in honour of our white ancestors and Sir John A. Macdonald, the white founder of Canada, is hereby cancelled," the site reads.

Media attention and public outrage were awakened last week after it was learned the group that held a 1989 party in Minden that attracted skinheads and featured a cross burn-

ing was hosting an event.

The group's organizer and former head of the Canadian Nazi Party, John Beattie, denied that the party was to be a white supremacist rally.

The theme of the cancelled party was to be White Village to White Village.

The group's website also encourages "whiter than white" people to move to Haliburton County to escape the city in the "battle for white survival."

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid stated last week that if Beattie's party was to be anything like the one in 1989, the group was "most unwelcome."

According to the league's website, the OPP had been in touch with the group.

Last week, the Haliburton detachment confirmed they

were investigating the planned gathering.

The story that ran in last week's *Times* was picked up in the *Toronto Sun*.

The event had been billed as a three-day camp out on the Canada Day weekend with music and speakers on 200 acres of private property somewhere near Minden.

Speeches would be made by those honouring the country's "white founding fathers," the website read.

In 1989, a party by the league attracted skinheads as well as considerable national media attention to Minden during Canada Day.

A counter protest by locals included a poster and letter writing campaign as well as a physical demonstration.

Calls to Beattie regarding the event's cancellation were unreturned.



Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 8 Curran Chambers figures out how to get out of checkmate during the Trillium Lakelands District School Board Regional Chess Championship hosted by Haliburton on Friday, March 25. There were close to 300 students between Grade 1 and 8 from 14 schools.



Brady Baldry ponders his next move during the chess championship.

Darren Lum Times staff

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Chess rookie claims first in sudden death

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Chris Thompson, in his rookie chess campaign, won his provincial berth the hard way, earning the win in a sudden-death final against Langton Elementary School's Nevin Swanson.

Thompson will compete in the provincial finals in Toronto on April 16.

There were close to 300 students between Grade 1 and 8 representing 14 schools at the competition held at the Dysart arena and Legion in Haliburton.

J.Douglas Hodgson Elementary School repeated as the top team with 57.5 points.

County's budget approved

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton County councillors approved the county's 2011 budget at a March 23 meeting.

The budget includes total expenditures of almost \$18.5 million for the year.

Sixty-four per cent of that, or just under \$12 million, comes through taxation. This translates into a three per cent levy increase.

Approximately \$2.5 million of that will be spent on roads and health services, and another \$1.8 million will be spent on social services and housing.

Dysart et al provides 37.37 per cent of the county's tax base; Minden Hills 26.84; Algonquin Highlands 21.3; and Highlands East 14.48 per cent.

The county's reserves have decreased by more than \$830,000, and County Warden Murray Fearrey noted much

of that was spent on broadband Internet expansion and Winterfest.

Total reserves are now sitting around the \$3.5 million mark.

There was an increase to the bridge reserve of \$200,000 and the \$257,000 surplus resulting from lighter-than-usual winter maintenance in 2010 will be rolled into the 2011 construction budget.

The planning department will operate with a budget of \$233,000; economic development with approximately \$523,000; the library with \$595,000; administration with approximately \$426,000; and engineering costs will be about \$313,000.

Council expenses, including councillors' wages, benefits, mileage, supplies, memberships, training and other such costs, total \$129,000.

This year, 22 per cent of the county's operating costs will come from federal and provincial funding.

Jeep sparks conflict at Dorset fire hall

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Controversy continues at the Dorset fire hall.

Some of the hall's former firefighters are criticizing the township for calling the police after a historic 1947 Willys Jeep was taken from the hall last week.

The Jeep had been taken by members of the Dorset Volunteer Firefighters' Association who said they'd taken the vehicle so it could be cleaned up to go the Dorset Heritage Museum, as per an existing agreement.

"Part of the problem is there's no communication happening," Rob Walliser told the *Times*.

Walliser is one of the former firefighters who resigned from the hall in last fall's conflict, but who, for now, is still a member of the association, which is a fundraising body.

Walliser and other members were at the hall on March 20 clearing out some of the association's fundraising equipment.

It was at that time the Jeep, which was purchased decades ago with money raised by the association but is technically the property of the township, was also removed.

Walliser said the township should simply have called

one of the association members, rather than contacting the cops.

"What a slap in the face to call in the police," he said.

"We did not remove the Jeep for any other purpose other than getting it ready for the Dorset museum," Steve Woolman, another of the hall's resigned firefighters, added.

The township's top staffer called the incident a case of miscommunication between the association and the township.

"When the 1947 Wyllis Jeep was removed from Station 60 [Dorset], the DVFF Association truly believed they had an agreement to take the vehicle to clean it up and get it ready to be donated to the Dorset museum for display," chief administrative officer Angie Bird wrote in an email to the *Times*.

I am sure it was assumed that since a prior agreement existed it was not necessary to notify the fire chief that they were moving the vehicle to prepare it for its new home. Unfortunately, since it is a township vehicle, the request to donate the Jeep to the Dorset museum should have come to the council table for consideration and approval."

According to Bird, the last the township had heard, the museum had declined the offer due to space issues.

"Now that we know where the Jeep is and what the



When the Jeep was removed from Station 60, the DVFF Association truly believed they had an agreement to take the vehicle to clean it up.

— Angie Bird

association's proposed intention is, their request to have it donated to the Dorset museum simply needs to come through the proper process," she continued. "It is likely council will fully support the idea and their efforts in preserving the history of Station 60 Dorset, however it is about communicating their intentions and following the proper process to achieve the desired outcome."

Walliser said he and others who resigned last fall in the conflict at the hall will remain on the association until such time as the money they helped to raise is spent.

Forum suggests ways to stay safe

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Citizens of Algonquin Highlands got a lesson in how to protect their homes from thieves, how to spot drug-related activity and how the two are connected at a community mobilization forum at the Dorset Recreation Centre on March 23.

The event was hosted by Dorset's community policing group along with the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment.

Detective Constable Pat Hickey, a member of the OPP's Rural Agricultural Crime Team, told attendees about methods they can use to avoid attracting criminals to their homes.

These include having solid wood or metal door with deadbolts and double-hung windows.

Lots of outdoor lighting helps too.

"Thieves hate bright lights," Hickey said, emphasizing that thieves are most likely to target homes where they feel they'll run the least chance of getting caught.

Keeping shrubbery neatly pruned and having signage indicating the presence of a dog can also be helpful.

"Nobody wants to get bitten by a dog," Hickey said. "The safest property is the one that doesn't attract criminals in the first place."

Hickey said etching valuable items with personal information is helpful for police in changing culprits after a robbery.

"If you have something in your garage that you value, take the time to take a scribe put your driver's licence number into it," he said.

Electric scribes are available on loan from Dorset's community policing office.

Drills, chainsaws and vehicles such as lawn tractors and ATVs are common targets.

Hickey said with the high value of gold right now, dresser drawers are often the first place a thief will go and suggested that gold be kept in a safe.

Almost always, he said, break-and-enters are carried out by people struggling to maintain a drug addiction.

"Often times, people think drugs don't affect them," said OPP drug enforcement officer Mike Deyell, adding that in many cases, in some form, they do.



The safest property is the one that doesn't attract criminals in the first place.

— Pat Hickey

"It's not just as simple as a kid smoking a joint," Deyell said.

Each year, around the Victoria Day long weekend, marijuana growers will transplant the crops they have started indoors into forest and fields.

Marijuana grow operations bring with them not only potential violence between growers and those who would rob them – some thieves even have helicopters and dress as police – but also danger in the form of booby traps.

Deyell showed photos of brutal and crudely made traps including boards with spikes, tree branches with trip-wires and spikes and even a device in which a trip-wire detonated shot-gun blasts.

Sometimes bear traps are used.

Deyell said any suspicious activity, such as someone who doesn't appear to be a farmer out on a side road with an unusual amount of fertilizer, should be reported to the police.

Haliburton Highlands Staff Sgt. Malcolm Quigley said this spring the detachment is going to make a greater effort to catch growers as they are transporting their crops into the county.

"We're hoping we're going to get them on the front end," Quigley said.

Deyell also told attendees how to spot indoor grow operations, which he said will commonly take place in houses that are poorly kept, have their windows covered and which see traffic at odd hours.

There was also a short presentation by Kawartha-Haliburton Crimestoppers.

Tips can be submitted at www.khcs.ca as well as by calling 1-800-222-TIPS.

Cash rewards are given for successful arrests.

New drop-off site in Minden for well water samples

Minden residents have a new location to drop off their well water samples. The current drop-off site in Minden is the Service Ontario government office on Highway 35. This office is no longer able to act as a drop-off location, and the last date that it will accept well water samples is April 1. Starting on April 5, samples can be dropped off at the Minden Public Library, located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road, on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Anne Alexander, director of environmental health with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, says, "We are pleased to be partnering with the Minden library so that private well owners in the Minden area continue to have a drop-off location that is close to home."

Besides the new Minden library location, Haliburton County residents can also drop off their well water samples locally at: The health unit office in Haliburton Village (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays to Thursdays; the Highlands East municipal office in Wilberforce from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays, and the Stanhope municipal office located on North Shore Road from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays (service at this site resumes on March 29).

Well water samples are sent to the provincial lab in Peterborough to test for bacteria such as E.coli. Results are then mailed back to residents within a few days. People can also call the phone number provided to find out the results, or pick them up directly from the lab in Peterborough. According to Alexander, local residents should have their well water tested at least three times per year, especially in the spring, when water runoff from rain and melting snow increases the chances of contaminants entering a well.

Test results that come back showing unsatisfactory levels mean that there is a problem with the well that requires attention. If this occurs, contact a public health inspector at the health unit for help in understanding the results and possible suggestions to correct the problem. You can pick up a well water safety booklet at the health unit office in Haliburton Village, call the health unit at 705-457-1391, or visit the website at www.hkpr.on.ca.

points of view

Don't turn off tap

IT'S CLEAR some members of county council think it's time for the county to stop funding the Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival.

While councillors approved an annual \$5,000 grant for the festival last week, county funding for the festival next year appears to be in jeopardy.

The event's chief organizer was at the council meeting and said it was entirely possible without financial backing from the county the festival may cease to exist.

And that would be a real shame.

The water festival is a wonderful event held at the Kinark Outdoor Centre each fall that teaches children from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board all about the importance of what is arguably our most precious resource.

It is incredibly well organized and a lot of fun, the latter perhaps being its greatest strength.

It disguises curriculum as a day away from class.

The lessons learned are invaluable and I'm sure more than one young person has been transformed into an environmental steward by the event.

It's not that I don't understand where skeptical councillors are coming from.

An ongoing problem behind the scenes with the festival has been the fact that Haliburton County is the only one of the three municipalities that send children that also spends money.

Traditionally, the City of Kawartha



Chad Ingram
Reporter

Lakes and Muskoka District have contributed no financial backing.

They've been getting a free ride and that must surely be frustrating for councillors, particularly when the bulk of the student attendees don't even come from the county.

The event's organizer has said she is pushing harder to find funding from these governments (Kawartha Lakes has agreed to contribute a few hundred bucks) as well as corporate sponsorship and perhaps next year the event won't require the help of the county at all.

If it does though, the county should continue its support.

One member of council said it was difficult to deny grants for other organizations when the festival is funded over and over again.

Perhaps, but the lessons the festival is teaching are more important than most anything else that goes on inside the county.

What can be more important than instilling the upcoming generation with a sense of environmental responsibility?

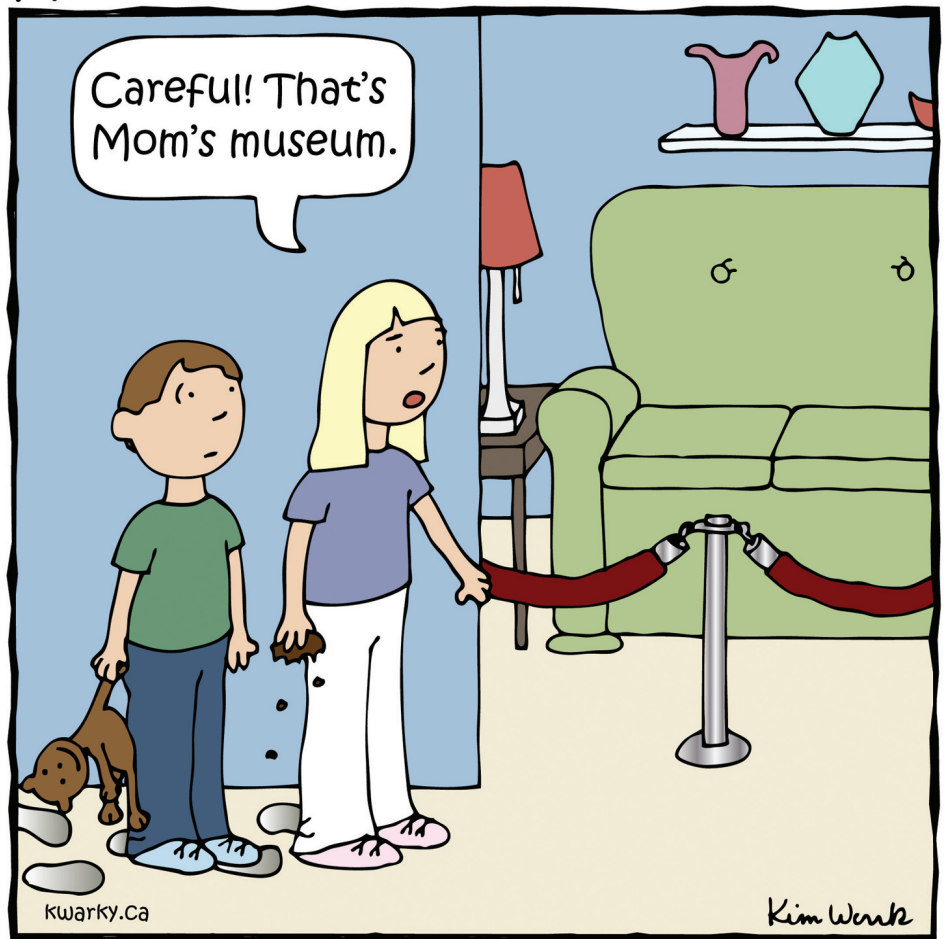
I'm willing to bet the proverbial farm that the majority of the county's taxpayers agree with me.

The county's operating costs this year total \$18.5 million.

When you're dealing with amounts of that magnitude, what's \$5,000 for an event that serves to make the world a better place?

To discontinue funding, if it is needed, would just be... well... cheap.

Kwarky



letters to the editor

Don't paint county with one colour

To the Editor,

Re: White pride event to happen in Minden
Wow. I am shocked and saddened that in this day and age that people have not learned that prejudice and racism are not "fun" or a "hobby." Growing up in Haliburton it was a reality that I was not exposed to the diversity that exists in the rest of the country.

This, however, is no excuse for ignorance or "celebrations of whiteness."

If anything, growing up in Haliburton made me even more curious to get into the world and see what I was missing.

One of the things that makes Canada great is the fact that we are a mosaic of cultures where it's OK to have "Black power radio stations" and mosques and have people feel safe to openly continue the practices of their native religion or culture.

Be not surprised, be cautious

To the Editor,

Unfortunately, my experience on this planet has left me incapable of registering surprise at the various idiocies of its human inhabitants; thus, the recent pieces regarding the British Peoples League's planned celebration on the July long weekend rank not much more than a weary sigh.

On the other hand, I do not believe that Mr. Beattie should be allowed to minimize and misrepresent his personal position and that of his league.

For all the disclaimers recently posted and the statements made by Mr. Beattie to this newspaper – the rhetoric of the BPL on its website is, to anybody short of a card-carrying member of the KKK, the purest racist/supremacist garbage.

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points of view

Spiderman and me

MAYBE YOU'VE HEARD of this French fellow who uses suction cups to climb the outside of office towers all over the world – he's now known as Spiderman, a reference to the comic book superhero that we all know and love.

To tell you the truth, I envy the guy – and not just because he has a legitimate reason to wear Spiderman jammies.

No, it's because I don't think there's anything wrong with a grown man identifying with a superhero if it makes him feel better about himself or the crazy, dangerous things he does. Truth be told, I'd probably enjoy a superhero nickname too.

Sadly, I don't have any of the talents normally associated with any known superhero. I can't fly for any great distance or at least not intentionally and without a gas barbecue; I don't have X-ray vision, a cool car or a neat util-

ity belt; nor can I transform into a beast that uses his power or instincts to help the weak. I don't have the legs for tights and I'm far too short for a cape.

My powers, if any, fall under the realm of normal. Gravity affects me severely, for instance. So too does indigestion and gas. Save for that last example, these are hardly things to build a legend around.

I guess that's my beef with the comic book industry. Much like the fashion industry, they set unrealistic standards for the rest of us. It's as if they're trying to say that just because I'm not faster than a speeding bullet or leaping tall building in a single bound, I'm less than.

The difference is that the fashion industry is now beginning to bow to

public pressure – to the point where they now allow models who are significantly heavier to appear on magazine covers. Some, in fact, almost approach the correct weight for their height.

With this in mind, would it be so wrong for the comic book industry to do the same? Why not encourage superheroes with abilities that are much closer to normal?

What would be wrong with The Stair Climber for instance? Or Elevator Boy? That way those of us who prefer to get to the top of tall buildings (or even the second floor) by more conventional means could have someone to relate to.

Admittedly, these two examples have limited applications. The Stair Climber

for instance, would only really shine on crimes that took place in and around stairs or stairwells – and his power would weaken significantly depending on the amount of stairs he has to climb. Similarly, Elevator Boy would be virtually useless in power outs or if the elevator were too crowded – although with the right unitard, I'm sure people would give him a bit of space.

But you get the idea.

Sure, the comic book industry might tell you that few people would buy into a superhero whose only unique ability is burping the alphabet. And that's true, I suppose. But what if she had another ability – say the power of burping the alphabet backwards too?

OK, maybe some of us weren't meant to fly.

TheOutdoorLife@aol.com



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

The wisdom of Jiggs

IMADE JENN WATT put that headline on this column. It was part of the deal. If I was going to cover Neil's tracks again, I told the *Times* editor that she had to make me look good.

Not that Neil even knows he makes tracks. Like most of your species he hardly ever notices anything that happens outside his own head and he doesn't even think of himself as an animal, which he is.

An inferior sort of animal, to be sure, but an animal none the less. He might be able to see almost as well as I can, but he can barely hear, can't smell at all, hardly notices anything and doesn't even grow his own coat.

That's not just Neil. As pups, humans are helpless, and it's all downhill from there.

Now, I don't mind filling in for Neil. I'd be glad to do it more often. It certainly would improve the tone of this newspaper.

But Jenn says that one column a year from me is about all she can stand. She's lucky to get even that. Today I should be busy getting ready for my species' big religious holiday instead of pounding this keyboard.

Well, more pawing than pounding. The keys sure are small. But each year Neil runs out of steam about now, says he is too tired to think straight. As Jenn said to me, that never stopped him before.

Steam is only a figure of speech. Neil has plenty of it back at the sugar shack. Maple syrup is his excuse for derailing my preparations for the April 1 holiday.

You'll have to excuse me for a moment. Where are my oven mitts? I have to get that moose-hair casserole out of the oven. I can smell that it's ready; Neil couldn't even smell it if it was burning.

Neil and Jenn and all the rest of them think they are in the communications business. Tommyrot! What they know about communicating you could put in a thimble, if they still make thimbles.

They stand around for hours grunting at one another and they call that communicating. Grunt, grunt, grunt! That's all they do!

And it's always about something that happened yesterday in another place

and never the here and now. Dogs live in the present, though they can always smell the past.

And all that grunting is just a game.

If they happen to grunt the truth, that's only a coincidence, because they grunt only what gives them an advantage.

We dogs have a genetic defect. We are as incapable of lying as we are of subterfuge or manipulation. It is what it is, Neil likes to say, but when dogs bark that, they mean it.

Now, dog barks don't actually mean anything in particular except, maybe, "Hey! I'm over here," or "I'm on the wrong side of this door!" We have better ways of talking.

Neil thinks that just because dogs can't grunt, they don't understand human grunts. Females of his species know better. I know one at a pet-food store who grunts such lovely grunts that her voice makes me dance with joy.

Humans assign meanings to dog barks because they really don't know how to communicate. Neil might notice



Brown Dog Jiggs
Back of Beyond

a stress yawn, a hair-settling shake or a happiness wriggle, but he doesn't know what they mean.

Neil just doesn't pay attention the way I do. I don't need his words. When he turns out the kitchen light, I know we're going to bed. I'll have to get him settled for the night.

In winter, if he throws on his mackinaw before he goes out the door, I know he's just going for firewood. If he puts on his work coat, there might be a walk coming up.

If he changes from his work pants into his blue jeans, he's going to town. Maybe I can go with him unless he says "You can't come with me," and then I try to push through the doorway and come with him anyhow, for I am a determined dog.

Whatever he does, if he lets me come with him, I'll wag my whole body because wags make Neil feel important. He's a sucker for tail wags.

A collection of Neil Campbell's columns, Cell Phones and Sap Buckets, is available in stores across Haliburton County.

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Both Minden Times columnists Steve Galea and Neil Campbell are award-winning writers. Winning the OCNA's best humour columnist and best overall columnist respectively.

letters

British Peoples League is the new minority

To the Editor,

Last year, I purchased a cottage in Minden for my young family. I felt at the time (and continue to feel) blessed to have found an oasis at the foot of the Canadian Shield, which I grew to know and love in my days growing up in Sault Ste. Marie.

I was awestruck by the raw beauty of the area and feeling of community. I can't wait for the snow to melt, and for summer to come anew. Then I read about the BPL in the *Minden Times* (which I read frequently to get away from my everyday), and how they are planning to poison the area on a day as religious to me as any other, Canada Day.

I took a moment, despite being loathe to do so, to check out their website so I could ensure this was happening far enough away from me that my sons would not be exposed to it in any way. Much to my dismay I noticed this was planned to be the "first annual" Canada Day celebration. Further, despite their note identifying to the contrary at the top of the website, I discovered they are a hate group - below was layers of text spewing exactly the kind of vitriol that they believe in, and claim not to to the public. Cowards.

And imagine this, as I read further, this group is paying to move like-minded people into Haliburton County! They offer to find them a job (this may be at least one positive aspect as I would no longer be paying these people's welfare). They offer Haliburton as a sanctuary for these types. A sanctuary, I suppose, for the uneducated, the ignorant, the unemployed bigots located in our vibrant towns and cities.

So, I will not be going into Minden this Canada Day. Not for groceries or gear, liquor or beer. I refuse to risk exposing my young children to these uneducated and ignorant bigots, who - like teenage kids painting graffiti on a wall - feel like they are getting away with something by saying they aren't defacing property, they are creating "art." It's not a pride event, it's a hate event and the *real* residents of Haliburton County should make it clear we do not support these bigots in any way, shape or form. In fact, in an ironic twist, *they are the minority in our county, in our town*. They may wish they were British - *but we are Canadian*.

The British were the *first immigrants to Canada*. We should make certain these folk get the message about what Haliburton County is really all about. We should ensure they make like their forefather, whom they revere so greatly and emigrate from our homeland, on the next boat available.

Sam McDonald
Pickering and Minden

The real McCoy

from page 6

hobby. There's nobody parading around in Haliburton County. It's my fun, my fantasy," the recently updated home-page of the BPL site ends with this ominous avowal -

"This is not a hobby ... this is the real McCoy ... and we are playing for keeps ... triflers beware !!"

Don't be surprised, but do be cautious of those who lie so poorly and so loudly.

Andy Muirhead
Stanhope

We are Canadians

To the Editor,

Let me first begin by stating that I have never written a letter to the editor in my life, and it saddens me to have to write this letter today.

By now we have read the article on Mr. Beattie and his Canada Day weekend British pride celebrations.

I am a proud Canadian, I celebrate Canada with my fellow Canadians and thank God every day for the wonderful country that I have been privileged and blessed to live in. We are not white, yellow, brown, black or red, we are Canadians. We are not British, European, Asian, native - we are Canadians.

J. Featherstone

Thankful for random act of kindness

To the Editor,

I just wanted to publicly thank five gentlemen who generously helped me on March 10.

I was chopping ice and trying to remove heavy slush to make it safer for others. After hours of doing so I was getting pretty tired and still had so much left to do.

These gentlemen without being asked or expecting any monetary payment went above and beyond for me.

After instructing me to go inside they shovelled, chopped and used their own equipment to assist in making things easier for me.

Christine MacAusland
Minden

Two youths restored my faith

To the Editor,

Having been born and raised in Minden, I've been around enough to know that I don't particularly like what I see of today's youth in this county (having recently had our house broken into to boot).

However, on March 14, we received a knock on our door around 10 at night. There stood two young lads on our front porch, return-

ing my wallet that I hadn't realized as yet that I'd lost. Kevin Alcock and a friend (sorry I didn't catch your name) do this community and indeed their families proud.

Thank you very much guys! And I truly believe "what goes around comes around" for all.

Jim McKelvey
Minden

Not welcome here

from page 6

Just because Mr. Beattie doesn't plan on burning any crosses doesn't mean that his message is OK.

Sadly, white history doesn't leave much to be desired nor celebrated. What's to celebrate about people who knowingly spread deadly diseases to eliminate native populations or who thought slavery was an acceptable practice? I doubt writing apologies on behalf of our narrow-minded ancestors is on the list of party activities for Mr. Beattie's "celebration."

Small town doesn't have to mean small-minded and narrow vision. There are many beautiful reasons to visit Haliburton County, but this isn't one of them.

Robin (Newell) Steffler
Lindsay (formerly of Tory Hill)

Idiotic words are a part of free speech

To the Editor,

As usual, Chad Ingram has hit the nail on the head, this time with his editorial on bigotry.

I like that he qualified it with ... "And it's not against the law to be a racist ignoramus. This is the flipside of the double-edged sword that is free speech. The fact is people have the right to voice racist opinions. And I have the right to decry them, which I'm going to do right now."

We *do* all have the right to express any opinion we wish, idiotic or otherwise. And while I would defend the rights of anyone to express their thoughts, I will also stand up to be counted with those who want to live in a world that is inclusive, diverse and non-judgmental.

H. Deveau
Carnarvon

Send your letter to editor@mindentimes.ca

The ugly truth about hydro rates in Ontario

To the Editor,

A simple comparison of actual residential electric utility bills from across Canada shows that the people of Ontario now pay more per kilowatt-hour, when all charges are considered, than anyone else in Canada. Even before the 46 per cent future increase promised by McGuinty, our residents pay 87 per cent more than those of Quebec and 64 per cent more than those of British Columbia.

There are two fundamental reasons why Ontarians' hydro bills have doubled since the Liberals took office in 2005:

First, the McGuinty government is running out

of ways to reach into our pockets with new and increased taxes, so they are using Hydro One to do it for them. Specifically, according to Hydro's own published financial statements, cash generated from operations increased, year over year, by almost 50 per cent in 2010, even though the total amount of electricity delivered was lower.

Then there are the so-called "smart meters."

These meters, which Ontarians are paying for through their hydro bills, are simply a ploy to make us believe that we are to blame for the escalating hydro bills. To add insult to injury, the meters are imported from a Swiss company called Landis+Gyr, based in Zug, Switzerland. Yes, that's

right, your government is spending almost a billion dollars of our money to export good jobs to foreign manufacturers so they can acquire meters that will reach deeper into our wallets. All of this is aided and abetted by our toothless Ontario Energy Board.

Second, the McGuinty policy on energy, according to recent documents published by recognized experts in the field, is foolhardy, seriously flawed and completely mismanaged. Under the guise of producing "green energy", the province is paying 23 times the price per kilowatt-hour generated by private producers than it was paying to generate power from its coal-fired plants. There exists clean

coal-burning technology today that could have been used to generate power from existing plants with virtually no harmful emissions.

Ontarians are fed up with their soaring Hydro bills and are frustrated because they feel powerless to do anything about it. But we *can do something about it!*

Personally, I plan to take action on Oct. 6 by getting rid of MPP Rick Johnson and Premier McGuinty and electing a government that will show some respect for taxpayers.

Wendy Aubry
Algonquin Highlands



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April 2011

- 3rd No Public Skating-last day of Timbits Curling
- 10th Township of Minden Hills
- 17th Township of Minden Hills (last Sunday Public Skate for season)
- 24th No Public Skating-Grass Creek Highlands Cup Challenge Tourny

Try ballroom dancing. Free! March 30, 8:30pm

ZUMBA: Zumba is 6pm only on Mondays. Tue/Thurs it is Zumba Gold (lo-impact) at 6pm and Zumba at 7pm Minden Community Centre 7:00 P.M. \$5.00
Roller Derby Mondays @ 7:00pm (after Zumba) – 10 week program/pre-registration required.

Line Dancing with Chris Wilde - 8 week program \$75.00 + HST

New Location at the Minden Community Centre
Tuesdays 10:00am-12:00pm, April 12 – May 31, 2011

To register call Cammy @ 705-286-1936 ext. 200



MINDEN FIRE FIGHTER'S 2011 Cash Calendar Winners! Congratulations!

Val Lennox Dan MacMillan

Purchase your Cash Calendars at the Municipal Office \$20.00 each. \$6,350.00 in prizes – draws held every month. Thank you for supporting the Minden Hills Fire Department.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Township of Minden Hills is seeking proposals for the Review of its Official Plan under the Planning Act. A copy of the Request for Proposal is available for download on the Township of Minden Hills website at <http://www.seodevspace.com/mindenpub/notices.html>. Interested applicants should submit their completed proposals no later than 12:00 noon, April 20th, 2011 (opening 12:15 pm - 2nd floor boardroom) local time to:
Ken Jones, P. Eng., CBCO, CMMII
Chief Building Official/Planning Supervisor
Township of Minden Hills
7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

March 31 st	10 am Council – Council Chambers
April 3 rd	7 pm - Cemetery Committee – Comm Centre, Scout's Hall
April 4 th	1 pm Protective Services Meeting, Fire Hall
April 11 th	10 am - Community Engagement Committee – 2nd Floor Admin Bdrm
April 11 th	1 pm Cultural Centre Adv. Committee – Rotary Room, MH Library
April 14 th	10 am COTW/General Committee – Council Chambers
April 14 th	5 pm Economic Development Advisory Committee (Rotary Rm MH Library)
April 19 th	7:30 pm Events Committee - Community Ctr, Rm #3
April 22 nd /25 th	Good Friday and Easter Monday – Admin Offices closed and Cultural Centre closed
April 28 th	10 am Council – Council Chambers



Summer Jobs!!! See Ad in Top Right corner.

March 31 submission deadline

Annual Poet Trees Project – HHWEN Poetry Contest
Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network's annual poetry contest returns to R.D.L.P. Send in your poem for a shot at prizes! There are two categories; adult and youth (14yrs and under). Email entries to hwhwpoem2011@gmail.com. Winners announced at RDLP on April 16.

**Friday April 1, 3pm, Agnes Jamieson Gallery
Opening Reception with Artist Talk at 4 pm**

Museum Series, exhibit by Adam Matak running March 31 – May 14
Mataks work tends to be culturally omnivorous, integrating aesthetics of art like comics and graffiti art with that of historic contemporary art. Join us for an opening reception an artist talk on April 1.
For more information on any of these events, please go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com or 705-286-2808

Wed. April 13, 2pm R.D. Lawrence Place

To Kill A Mockingbird

To Kill A Mockingbird is often cited as one of the best screen adaptations of a novel ever made so we will kick off the new Novel to Screen Club with this classic starring Gregory Peck. The screening will be at 2pm, followed by a discussion. Admission/popcorn by donation.

Thurs. April 14, 12-2pm

What is Twitter and New Media?

Find out at a lunch and learn workshop with WIR Ron Evans what new media is and how you can use Facebook, web-publishing and other online resources. Cost is \$5.

**For more information on any of these events, please go to
www.mindenculturalcentre.com or 705-286-2808**

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS IS LOOKING FOR ENTHUSIASTIC AND ENERGETIC SUMMER STUDENTS FOR THE MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE AND THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, RESPECTIVELY.

To be eligible, candidates must be able to start in early May and enrolling in post secondary studies in the fall. Further details are available on our website www.mindenhills.ca under Employment. Job descriptions are also available on the Township website or may be picked up at the Municipal Office, 7 Milne Street, Pritchard Lane entrance, Minden. Sealed envelopes enclosing résumés and a cover letter clearly indicating which department is being applied for should be dropped off at the Township Office or mailed to: P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

Application deadline is 12:00 Noon Monday April 4, 2011

Tender for Equipment Purchase

The Township of Minden Hills is accepting tenders for the sale of surplus equipment listed below. Separate sealed tenders for each item being bid on must be received by the Township Office at 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 by 12:00 noon on Friday, April 1, 2011. Envelopes must be clearly marked with "Surplus Purchase" and the Item number.

Item Description

1. 1992 Hitch float trailer, (red), VIN 2G9LTSDB5NH019163

Equipment will be sold as is, where is. The highest or any tendered price not necessarily accepted. The successful bidder will be required to pay in full prior to taking possession of the equipment. Forms for submitting a bid are available at the Township Office or at www.mindenhills.ca (public notices). For further information or to arrange a viewing, contact Rick Cox at 705-286-1936, ext 201.



2011 SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS ON TOWNSHIP ROADS

Road damage risk is at its highest during the spring thaw. The Township of Minden Hills enforces reduced load restrictions on trucks to protect the Township roads. Reduced loading will be in effect on Township roads immediately.

**MINDEN YOUTH RECREATIONAL SOFTBALL
REGISTRATION. See page 23**

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Water Festival may run dry

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Some members of county council are questioning whether the county should be continuing its sponsorship of the Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival and the event's organizer is saying that could mean the end of the popular festival.

While councillors approved an annual grant of \$5,000 for the event as they passed the 2011 budget on March 23, the question of whether the county should continue to support it in the future was raised.

A project of Friends of Environmental and Ecological Learning, the festival takes place at the Kinark Outdoor Centre each fall and teaches children from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board about the importance of water and ecosystems through a series of interactive stations.

While the county has been helping pay for the event since it started in 2005, in the past, the City of Kawartha Lakes and Muskoka District, both of which send children to the event, have not supplied any funding.

This year, the City of Kawartha Lakes is contributing \$500.

County Warden Murray Fearrey took a shot at the small amount last week, saying it was nice to see that municipality finally coming to the table.

Fearrey suggested that at this point, the festival should be relying on funding from private sources rather than public money.

"We are trying to get more focused," said festival coordinator Irene Heaven, who was at the meeting, explaining she'd approached companies such as Tim Hortons about helping to sponsor the event. "We are trying to get into those corporations."

Heaven will also be visiting Muskoka councillors in April, requesting funding.

The county's annual contribution of \$5,000 makes up one sixth of the festival's \$30,000 budget.

"Without the council's help, the children's water festival would not be able to make it," Heaven told councillors. "I think we should be proud we do have it here."

The festival operates with another \$55,000 worth of in-kind contributions.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid told Heaven no one was disputing the value of the festival, but said it was difficult for council to explain to other organizations why they are refused grants when the festival is granted one on a yearly basis.

Minden Hills Deputy-Reeve Cheryl Murdoch said that while it was unfortunate the other two municipalities have not provided an equal share of funding, the county should continue its support of the event.

"You'll never get a better bang for your buck than investing in programming for children," Murdoch said.

More than 800 students attended the festival last year, but less than 200 of them were from Haliburton County.



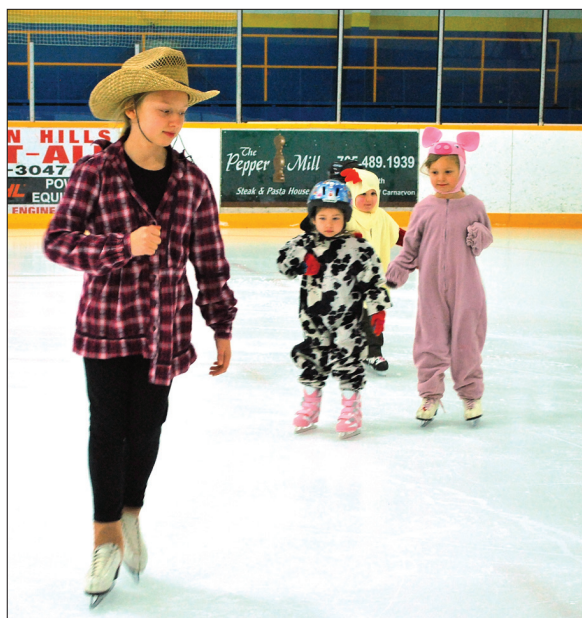
Chad Ingram Times staff

Minden figure skaters practise the grand finale to one of their numbers during a rehearsal for the club's year-end carnival at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on March 25.



Minden skates

At left, skaters listen for instructions from their coach as they rehearse. Bottom left, Old MacDonald and her barnyard friends were part of the show. Below, skaters are dressed as maids for their number in the show.



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Laura Redman nominated as Liberal candidate

Lisa Gervais
Lindsay Post reporter

Liberal candidate Laura Redman said the riding association had been flirting with her for eight months when she decided to finally go out on a federal election date.

"They've been asking me for about eight months," Redman said Friday. Her nomination was made on Monday night in Lindsay.

A journalist for 20 years, Redman, 47, has taken a leave of absence from her job as managing editor of the *County Voice*.

She lives in Minden Hills and is married to former *National Post* photographer Peter Redman.

She comes from a large Italian family whose hobby was politics. However, it was during a stint working for the YWCA that she became known for being an outspoken social activist.

She said she addressed violence against women, poverty, lack of affordable housing and lack of social housing. She took off the gloves and added that these were things "we could not get onto [Conservative candidate] Barry Devolin's radar."

She said despite all of that she didn't really think that she would ever be a candidate and is "humbled" by all of the support she has received.

"I do believe in the greater good. I do believe that people have the right to live free from poverty and the government is obligated to work hard to end these issues."

She said she is worried about the erosion of democracy in the country and said the Liberals could not stand by and let the government get away with contempt which is why they joined the NDP and Bloc in last Friday's non-confidence vote.

She said she is a fan of Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff, whom she has met twice. She thinks he was unduly criticized when he did not have to give up a job as director of the Carr Center for Human Rights at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University to return to Canada. She said he is worldly, educated and understands women's rights. She added that he has a national housing strategy, which she says the other parties lack.

She said she is excited about the upcoming campaign.



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Seminar Series 2011

ACCESSIBILITY WORKS WORKSHOP Louie DiPalma of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce

April 7th, 2011 12:30 - 2:30, Fleming College School of the Arts

Cost \$20 per person

This workshop will provide an overview of: The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, The Customer Service standard and compliance obligations, Additional Resources available to assist businesses meet the requirement. Representatives from the County of Haliburton will briefly discuss the Counties Joint Accessibility Program.

Register by April 5th

HST: Presented by Kathryn van Vliet of Canada Revenue Agency

April 12th, 2011 at 1:00, Chamber of Commerce Office, 195 Highland St., Haliburton, ON KOM 1S0

Cost \$20

This three-hour seminar is for people who have just started or are about to start an unincorporated small business. Topics covered: How to keep books and records, Types of income to report and expenses to claim, Filing requirements, Rights and obligations

Register by April 8th

Small Business Seminars: Presented by Kathryn van Vliet of Canada Revenue Agency

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Register by April 8th

Quickbooks an Overview Lauren Forbes - THRIVE Your Business

QuickBooks - are you getting the most from your software?

Tips and tricks for bookkeepers, accountants and business owners. An overview of the most popular small business accounting software and how you can customize for your company.

April 14th, 2011 at 2:00-5:00 pm, Haliburton Curling Club

Cost \$20 per person/business

Register by April 11th

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How to Read Your Financial Statements Lauren Forbes - THRIVE Your Business

April 14th, 2011 10:00-1:00, Haliburton Curling Club

Cost \$20.00 per person/business

How to read your Financial Statements. Learn how to interpret your Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss reports. Understand some accounting lingo (or G.A.A.P.s for short). Learn how to calculate your break even, gross margin and real costs of employees.

Register by April 11th

"Funding/Developing/Promoting Your Idea --- Getting the Goods!" with Lyndsay Kyte of artsCape Breton

Cost \$20 per person

April 19th, 2011, 1:00 - 4:00, Location to be determined.

You've got the idea. You've got the drive. The only thing you don't have --- the way to make it happen. In this workshop, Lyndsay Kyte teaches you the how-to's of finding funding, writing the dreaded funding and grant applications, how to promote yourself and your project and tips on everything from bios to organizing information. There is a way to make your idea a reality and in this workshop, Lyndsay Kyte gives you the tools, tips and formulas to find it. This workshop covers: Funding Packages, Grant Applications, Bios, Press Releases, Project Descriptions, Project Timelines, Funding Research (how to find it!), Loglines, Taglines, One-liners, Website Content, One-page Synopses

Register by April 15th

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Peddigrew's new book delves into interacting with nature

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Is it possible for humans to learn the secret languages of trees, birds, even mosquitoes?

Brenda Peddigrew thinks so.

Peddigrew launched her latest book, *Finding the Line*, at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on March 26.

The book is her fifth in nine years and while most of her other published works are poetry collections, *Finding the Line* is a collection of essays about interacting with nature and the lessons that can stem from that experience.

Most of the essays were inspired by the daily walks she takes around her home on the Kennisis River in Algonquin Highlands.

Peddigrew told a healthy crowd at the centre's common room that she hadn't expected her writing would be so prolific when she and partner Joan moved to the area nine years ago.

Spending most of her life in cities, Peddigrew said when the couple made the move to Haliburton County, they had gone through a process of downsizing a lot of their material goods; of simplifying.

"I didn't know that the simplifying was also inside," she said, adding that the pieces in the book, written over a number of years, are reflective of that process. "It's about being completely fascinated with living here."

Just Walking, as its name might imply, speaks of the simple joy of walking through the countryside and letting all other thoughts go from one's mind.

Speed Bumps pays homage to the importance of moving slowly and contemplatively through life. "Speed is the false god of our culture today," Peddigrew said, in her calm and measured manner. "Speed robs us of our inner life."

In the essay that is the book's namesake, Peddigrew tells of a kayaking experience on the river, where she and Joan were paddling upstream, against the current.

Joan, who was ahead, yelled back at her to "find the line," which Peddigrew explained meant finding the quickest diagonal route across the current.

Once she had done this, she found it was much easier to paddle upstream and "find the line" became a bit of a mantra for her, a metaphor of sorts for find the "inner line of slow, steady progress in all that must be done."

Peddigrew is an international facilitator, spiritual teacher and host of the Algonquin Highlands Writers' Circle, which meets on alternating Saturday mornings.

She can be contacted at brenda@soulwinds.ca.

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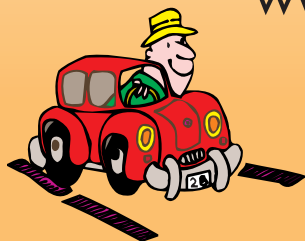
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Did you know that line 236 on your tax return provides Revenue Canada with your net income. It is found after your total income but before the ever important taxable income (what our income tax is calculated on). Revenue Canada uses your net income to calculate if you qualify for Income-Tested Benefits and Credits. What this means is that people with lower income receive the full benefit while people earning a higher income may be eligible for a reduced benefit or no benefit at all. Some income-tested benefits are GST/HST, Child tax credit, OAS and the old age tax credit and GIS.

I am going to use the old age tax credit as one example. All Canadian's get the non-refundable basic tax credit worth \$10,320.00 (I am using 2009 numbers) which basically means the first \$10,320.00 is tax free. For Canadian's 65 or older, there is an additional federal (old) age tax credit of \$6,408.00 which basically means that a senior can earn up to \$16,728.00 before attracting any income tax. There is a hitch for this age credit. Those seniors earning over \$32,312.00 will start to have the age credit clawed back. By the time a senior earns \$75,032.00 the age credit will have been reduced to \$0 and now the senior only receives the same basic tax credit of younger Canadians.

So how do you reduce your line 236? If you have investments, the TFSA is an excellent investment platform to reduce your line 236. If you have a GIC earning 4% you receive a T5 for the interest income earned annually and this is added to your net income. If you have a GIC inside a TFSA (Tax Free Savings Account) the income earned is not taxed so no T5 is issued even though you still receive the interest income.

I know the TFSA limit right now is \$15,000.00 which does not provide a big tax shelter on income opportunity, there are other investment products out there for non RRSP/RIF investments that provide almost the same tax sheltering as a TFSA does with no limit to the amount you invest protecting your income tested benefits.

I will touch base on this investment structure in my next article.

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Visit AJG's new exhibit and have a laugh

Laurie Carmount

Curator Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden

The next exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, titled *Museum Series*, starts on March 31. Artist Adam Matak will be speaking at the opening reception Friday, April 1. The reception opens at 3 p.m. with the artist talk starting at 4 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to opening receptions at the gallery. You need not be a member of the gallery and there is no fee. You need not know anything about art either – that is why we have artist talks, to help explain what the art is about.

Matak's work consists of large paintings and free-standing life-size cut-outs of people, all in a cartoon style. When viewing his work, one becomes aware there is more to this than just paintings and sculptures. One is immediately caught by the scenes conveyed with a sense of familiarity. The reaction is to think "Is this me I see?" or "I've seen people act like this so many times before!" Then one has the enjoyable activity of deciphering an amazing amount of underlying meaning. This may take many minutes – or as long as an hour, to get the full gist.

What Matak has done is brilliantly captured the essence of human nature, as seen in a museum setting, which has the viewer grappling with either a sense of looking at a mirrored reflection or at a drama unfolding on a stage.

Matak extrapolates, from his paintings, the free-standing, life-size cut-outs of figures, which are set about the exhibition area to become part of the audience; thus causing the audience to further involve itself in a game of comparativeness.

How often do we see people at a museum with glazed eyes, yawning from boredom or standing with an aloof attitude; staring blankly at a painting with hands grasped behind their back? Or attending a gallery with others and conversing about their summer trip – or by themselves and reading a book – giving no notice to the masterpieces hanging around them? How often have we done these actions ourselves? Matak paints people in these scenarios while showing a section of a masterpiece behind. Besides the attitude of ambivalence, Matak conveys people acting literally to the masterpiece, plugging their ears when those in the masterpiece are screaming, for instance, or falling backwards as if the masterpiece has shot them.

Matak's intent is not to point fingers and criticize people's reactions, but in the case of those who feign attentiveness in museums, Matak wonders at the disconnect. Why are people dismissive of our most revered works of art? On the other hand, what would it be like if we were wholly engaged to the point of worship?

Matak uses a cartoon-like style in the hopes of connecting on a common level. From this common level, however, the



Adam Matak's paintings depict a comical look at regular people in an art gallery viewing masterpieces.

work then excels into a multiple layering of some very poignant and thought-provoking questions and musings. He has managed to do something few artists have, and that is, relate to the art community and everyone else.

The tactic is subtle at first. It is fun to look at other people and say "Ha! Look at them!" But then it dawns on the viewer to look around and wonder "Was I just doing that?" This underlines the power of visual art – the power of imagery. Artwork is meant to make us think and consider, to learn from and gain insight. There should be some reaction, however small. It should be held in esteem and looked upon as significant and important as it can be a powerful form of persuasion ... because in the end, it will eventually reflect us, like the masterpieces Matak depicts in his paintings.

Matak is interested in being connected to a historical past; and how artists are connected by this long line of image making. He feels it is important to study the past no matter how seemingly insignificant it may seem. Our world is over-stimulated, perhaps causing us to become easily bored or immune to anything new. We need to pause and think about our actions, slow down and take more time to learn from each other.

Here is a young, talented artist who has studied and brought forward an aspect of our society that needs some more reflection. There is something for everyone in this exhibition – art history, humour, dialogue, debate, intrigue and simple eye-candy of bright colour and action. It is compelling and I dare anyone to view this exhibition and not laugh out loud, or at the very least, have a good chuckle!

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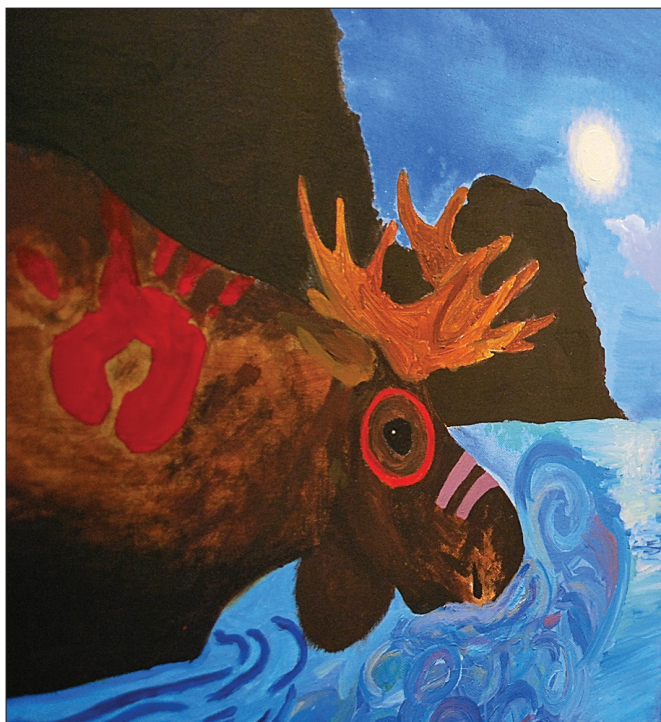
Unlock Your Imagination by Phedra Vajda greeted visitors as they entered the exhibit.

They sketch . . . they paint

They Sketch . . . They Paint was an exhibit displaying the works of 16 young people from the county that ran at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery throughout February and

March. The paintings were created at workshops with artist Rose Pearson where she taught students how to take imagery from their minds and put it on canvas.

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These paintings are by, from left, Miko Stagg, Mikaela Grace Gordon, Andrew Carmount, Emma Upton and Shae MacNaull.

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Above: Pictured here are *Rhinos in the Sky* by Tessa McCarthy Barnes and *Dear Deer*, by Cree Tylee.

Left: *Go Away at Night* by Taylor Watson and *Visitor* by Cailyn Robinson.



The Bouquet and The Frog is by Ariel Weiss and *Sprite of Mother Nature* by Jennell Bilodeau.



These paintings are, from left, *Secret Pack* by Alyssa Oxley, *Angel Falls* by Adrien Petric and *To Be Unlocked* by Youkie Stagg.



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Few buildings fully accessible, survey finds

Jenn Watt
Editor

A survey of 115 businesses and public buildings in Minden has revealed only a small portion are accessible to all people.

Those in wheelchairs or walkers can expect to easily get into only 22 per cent of locations surveyed by Margaret Graham on behalf of the Aging Well committee's accessibility branch.

The idea for the silent survey (meaning business owners were not notified that the observation was going on) came from Bev Kraulis of the accessibility committee.

"I was thinking, how much of a problem is his getting into these stores? I thought, let's do a survey," Kraulis said.

In Haliburton, the survey of 137 buildings found 25 per cent were accessible to those in walkers and wheelchairs, while 56 per cent were accessible to those with canes.

In Minden, those with canes can expect to get into 50 per cent of buildings surveyed.

The surveys looked for grab bars, the height of stairs, whether there was a door opener or a railing and how hard it was to get into the store.

The Aging Well committee is an independent body comprised of county residents working toward making the community a better place in which to grow old.

In Minden, the committee noted that the banks, Dol-

lo's Foodland, Valumart, the LCBO and Beer Store all have automatic doors. They also applauded Pharmasave for installing a buzzer at the door that will alert workers that someone needs assistance outside.

Other barriers businesses may have include dimly lit stores, snow banks blocking stores, high service counters, loud background music, narrow aisles, heavy doors and high steps.

Haliburton County offers a Barrier Aware program, which evaluates the accessibility of businesses and awards window decals to those meeting accessibility standards. The program is voluntary.

Health unit publishes salary disclosure information

In accordance with the Public Salary Disclosure Act, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit has provided information on employees whose salaries and taxable benefits have exceeded \$100,000 or more in the past year.

For 2010, 10 employees of the district health unit made the list.

The employee whose recorded salary was the greatest was Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, medical officer of health (MOH). Noseworthy's salary was \$351,855.74, and \$433.02 was given in taxable benefits.

However, while the legislation only requires information about salaries paid in 2010, the salary level provided for MOHs across the province also includes payments for the year 2009.

Additionally, a salary increase was awarded to all MOHs as part of the 2008 Physician Services Agreement.

Hospice readies for annual hike

National Hospice Palliative Care Week is a one-week campaign that focuses on raising awareness about hospice palliative care. It is also a time to celebrate, recognize and share the achievement of hospice palliative care throughout the nation.

The theme for the 2011 campaign is "Communities Share the Care." Think about what you can do to help. The theme is built upon the World Hospice Palliative Care Day's campaign "Sharing the Care."

Canadians living in remote and rural areas, or those living with disabilities, have severely limited access to formal hospice palliative care services. SIRCH's community hospice program addresses some of the need for palliative care in Haliburton County, but depends on your financial support.

The responsibility of caring for someone with a life limiting illness is one that needs to be shared collectively within our community. Together we can all make a difference in the lives of those living with a life-limiting illness and those affected by it.

Join us on April 30 at Hal High at 10:15 a.m. to register. The hike starts at 11 a.m. You can hike one kilometre around the track or five kilometres on the Head Lake trail.

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The Atom AEs won the regional championship over the weekend against Bracebridge with a final score of 2-1.

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Atom AEs win regional championship

Final score: 2-1 win over Bracebridge.

Finally the breaks went our way. Not that luck was the reason our Atom AE squad won on Friday. Our boys played a solid game and definitely deserved the win by outplaying their rival in every aspect. But as the puck bounced off the Bracebridge defender and into the net, it finally appeared, following a season of oh-so-many disappointments, and bounces that never seemed to go our way that finally lady luck had said; enough is enough.

After winning the first game in the best-of-three series last week, our crew was rudely alerted to the fact that Bracebridge was not about to give up easily. Within 45 seconds, Bracebridge stormed down and scored before our boys barely knew the game had started. Following that shift, however, our squad shifted gears and dominated the play for most of the rest of the game. A face-off in the Bracebridge end-zone came back to Cullen Johnston who deftly passed it over to Bo Stevenson at the blue line. Bo's shot from the point found its way through to even the score before the first period ended. From there, the minutes ticked by as the stalemate progressed into the third. As thoughts of overtime or a third game crept into the par-

ents' fretful consciousness, Shawn Walker directed a pass by Noah Black toward the net. The Bracebridge defender made an attempt to stop the shot but instead deflected the puck over the goalie and into the net. Although Bracebridge made every attempt to even the score, on this night it was not to be and the Championship was awarded to our boys!

While the hockey world has received such negative publicity for the devastating consequences of its violent aspects, it is so refreshing to see nine and ten year old kids living the dream held by so many, hoisting the championship trophy over their heads. Well done, boys.

Throughout the season you've faced adversity and devastating loss but on this day you walk away true champions. Thanks go to our sponsor, Floyd Hall Insurance, the local media for their continued support, and to all the parents for their endless hours at the rink. Mostly, we would like to thank the coaching staff, Jarrett Campbell, Jordan Joanu, Derrick Nesbitt, Sheldon Stevenson, and whenever needed, Jim O'Neill and Greg Turner. It takes a special person to volunteer to coach and we truly appreciate your tireless efforts.

-Jon Petrie

Two week rest proved too much for Peewees

The Highland Storm Peewee AEs started the Muskoka Parry Sound League playoffs Friday, March 25 after a two-week rest. Sore and injured players had recovered, they were a well-rested team, but it is not usually good for a hockey team not to play for two weeks even though they had a couple of practices.

Well, it did not seem to do our team any harm as they came out playing hard and fast; maybe the fact that they were playing the Huntsville Otters "A" team had something to do with it. This team has 15 players, so 3 lines, and 2 goalies, compared to the Storm's 11 players and one goalie.

Despite the fact that the Otters scored first, the Storm team continued to play hard. Greg Crofts started the scoring with the first goal unassisted in the second period. The other goal in the second period was by Regan Casey assisted by Greg Crofts and Max MacNaull. After the flood between the second and third period, the Storm boys seemed slow and the Otters scored, moving ahead by on point. This seemed to spurred our boys back to how they were playing earlier--they answered that one goal by the Otters with 4 of their own the game 6-3. The other goals were scored by Alex Wilbee, Ethan Cooper, Josh Rowden, and Jon Morrison. Assists go to Tim Burgess, Jon Morrison, Mitch Billings (2), Regan Casey, Max MacNaull and Greg Crofts.

Saturdays games were both scheduled in Huntsville at the Summit Centre on the "big" ice (the rink is Olympic size) which was an advantage to the home team.

The first game was at 10 a.m. meaning a early start for our boys to be at the rink for 9 a.m.

The Huntsville Otters came out with confidence on their home ice and won the fast paced game 3-1 against our Storm.

Our only goal was scored by Greg Crofts and assisted by Regan Casey and Jon Morrison. The next game was at 2 p.m. and once again our boys tried their best but the Otters are a good passing team and they were comfortable on the big ice. The Otters remained two goals ahead into the third period when our boys tied it up, with an unassisted goal by Tim Burgess and the second goal by Alex Wilbee assisted by Mac Rider.

But it was not to be, the Otters got the go ahead goal for the win even though the Storm boys fought to the end.

The Muskoka Parry Sound League Championship went to the Huntsville Otters.

Our boys should be proud of what they accomplished this season. They were first in their division, the most points/wins. They made it to the OMHA semi-finals despite absent players and injuries. As per OMHA format had to play the lowest points A team for the league championship even though they are an AE team and did it well and there are multiple other things which at this time I cannot recall. So now it is the close of another hockey season, and we will thank our bench for their time and effort, Mike MacNaull (coach), Wilf Vanlieshout (trainer), Kirk Cooper (manager), Matthew Burgess (assistant coach) and Susan Burgess (treasurer/gate and 50/50 coordinator). And of course our parents for all their driving, support and encouragement and our fans for coming out and cheering us on throughout the season.

Don't forget that tryouts for the Highland Storm are in August this year over a two-week period, Sunday, Aug. 14 to Saturday, Aug. 27.

Have a safe and happy spring and summer and look forward to seeing everyone at tryouts!

-Karena Crofts

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2	Eric Casper	1217
3	Eric Schuster	1186
4	Melissa White	1168
5	Andrew McGill	1149.25
6	Scott LaRue	1117
7	Eleanor Lymer	1115
8	Chase Heinemann	1110
9	Ronald Sedley	1105
10	Jeff Barry	1104
11	Ian Kemp	1102.75
12	Orville Meeke	1097.25
13	Michael Moxley	1095.25
14	R Bell	1093
15	David Douglas	1078
16	Matt Prichard	1077.25
17	Maie Arike	1077.25
18	Denniella Rivard	1073.5
19	Martin Schuster	1071.25
20	Andrew Carmount	1068.5
21	Nancy Holden	1055.5
22	Pat Barry	1054.5
23	Gerald Ainsworth	1049.5
24	Larry Holden	1037
25	Robin Carmount	1036
26	Rhonda Shaw	1035.5
27	JoAnne Sharpley	1033
28	Audrey Sedley	1025.75
29	Jordan Hamilton	1022
30	Bob McKay	1016.25
31	Paul Cameron	1016
32	Larry Southgate	1010
33	Jamie Pritchard	1007
34	Ray Lymer	997.25
35	Robert Mclvor	996.5
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Minden's young curlers cap off season

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The 35 curlers in the Minden Youth Curling League would like to thank the volunteer coaches who make this program so enjoyable. Three teams from ASES and one from JDH are taking part in the 24th annual Timbits Elementary School Provincial Curling Championship being held March 31 to April 3 at the Minden Curling Club and the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. There will be 64 teams of young curlers from around the province competing in four events. Curling starts at 8 a.m. Thursday morning. Finals will be held on Sunday, starting at 9:30 a.m. The public is encouraged to come to watch this exciting event.



Winners of the Juniors Rock trophy are, from left, Sam Pilcher, Marshall Petry and Alexandra Casper (missing: Jacob Hudson). Their names will be inscribed on the trophy. /Photo submitted by Gord Sheehan

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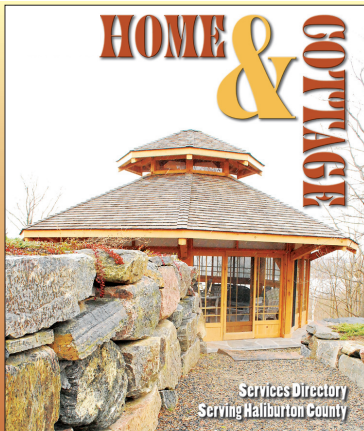
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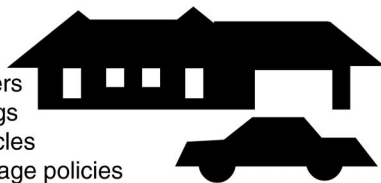
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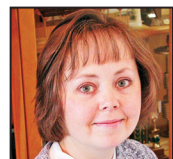
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Arbuckles thank community



Melissa Alfano
Dorset News

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The fundraising spaghetti dinner held last weekend for Jim Arbuckle was very successful, with more than 200 attending. All went well, everyone had a great meal, and planning wise, there was only a half-pot of spaghetti and a bit of sauce left over!

Jim and Sharon leave for Rhode Island on April 2, and Jim's procedure is on April 4. On behalf of the community, we all wish him well and look forward to his return.

Here is a note from Sharon and Jim: "We just wanted to thank each and every one of you for all the support you have given towards Jim's CCSVI treatment. We are very fortunate for the community that we live in. Everyone has helped us out in one way or another and we appreciate everything you have done! Jim's surgery date is only two weeks away and we have reached our goal and some extra as well. The extra will go towards Jim's needs after the treatment. He has already been assessed by a Physiotherapist and is willing to do what it takes to work towards being able to build up the muscle that he has lost to hopefully gaining back the independence that he has lost over the years to the M.S. Jim has a very positive attitude towards this treatment and is willing to give everything he can to make it better for himself. Again, thank you for everything!"

Community Care, Haliburton, is looking for volunteer drivers in the Dorset area. If you can help or would like more information, please give Bridget a call at 705-457-2941.

The organizers of the Beer For a Year fund-

raiser for Jim Arbuckle would like to announce that the winner is Ian Brown of Baysville. Thank you for all your support.

Calling all artists! The eighth annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art is happening at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Friday, April 15, 2011. Organizers are looking for artists who would like an opportunity to show their work at this popular annual event. If you have paintings, sculptures, needlework, pottery or any other type of visual art and are interested, please call 705-766-9968.

The Evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art is a celebration of the arts in our area and includes writers, poets and musicians from Haliburton and Muskoka. The evening starts at 6:30 p.m. with a walkabout until 7 p.m., when the readings and music begin. Moon Shadows Estate Winery will be showcasing their special fruit and maple syrup-based wines, and thanks to Robinson's General Store, there will be a lovely snack for attendees.

Tickets are \$6 each or two for \$10, and are available at the Dorset Recreation Centre or at the door. The event is open to those 19 years of age and over. For more information or to reserve tickets, please call the Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968.

St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church is hosting their annual Seder Supper on Thursday, April 21 starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$11 for adults and \$6 for children. Please call Pat at 705-766-2373 for reservations or for more information (by April 19 please).

Birthday wishes for the week of March 27 to April 2 go out to Matthew Hughes, Zack Lock, Rick Nash, Debbie Guidi, Ray Blake and Cole Greenaway. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

Tarnished Angels coming



Patti Fleury
Around the Town

705-488-2938 Fax: 488-1246
brucefleury@nexicom.net

This past Friday found us at the Oshawa Civic Centre where Bruce was a recipient of the Lifesaving Society Centenary Medal commemorating the Society's 100 years of service. One purpose of the medal, minted in "nickel silver," is to recognize individuals whose past leadership and achievements have significantly impacted the shape and culture of the society as it exists today. During his 23 years as Commissioner of Recreation, Parks and Culture for the City of Scarborough, Bruce and his aquatic staff worked closely with the Society building an instructional program worthy of winning the prestigious Cochrane Cup for 24 consecutive years. The medal features the society's motto in Latin "Whomsoever you see in distress recognize in him a fellow man." How relevant a reminder in our world today. It was a honour well deserved and warmly appreciated.

Kinmount United Church will present the Tarnished Angels Band in concert on Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m. at the Galway Hall, 579 Galway Road south of Kinmount. The Tarnished Angels is a group of both vocal and instrumental contemporary gospel musicians formed in 2006 and makes its home at Bridgenorth United Church. Tickets for this event are \$10 (children free) and available from church members, Gateway Variety and Kinmount Pharmacy, 31 Hwy. 503, or by calling 705-488-2129.

Refreshments will follow the concert. Everyone is most welcome to attend this enjoyable afternoon.

A reminder from the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount to mark your calendars for the annual Easter Bingo coming up on Friday, April 8 at 6:45 pm. Prizes include turkeys, hams, cash prizes and a \$300 must-go jackpot. The ladies auxiliary of the branch will hold its spring bazaar and tea the next day Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a great chance to shop for those special Easter touches. Interested vendors should give Tracy a call at 705-488-2810 after 3 p.m. Legion members are reminded that general meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and that the annual nomination and election of officers will take place on Sunday, May 1 at 1 p.m. For more information about the Branch and its programs contact 705-488-3462.

The regular meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held Wednesday, April 13 at the Minden Legion, 12847 Hwy. 35, across from County Rd. 21, with doors open at 6 pm. and the speaker at 7 p.m. Speaker Don Hinchley was born and raised in Toronto. A retired secondary school teacher he is Past Chair of Durham Region of the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS), a Past President of OGS and the author of the OGS publication *Newspapers and Genealogy: A Beginner's Guide*.

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Minden bowl-a-thon keeps Artists in the Schools program alive

Participate and /or support the second annual spring fundraising bowl-a-thon for Artists in the Schools on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at The Fast Lane in Minden.

An exceptional arts education program currently exists in Haliburton County that brings students in selected grades at all five elementary schools together with local professional artists – the Artists in the Schools program administered by the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands.

Artists in the Schools is unique to Haliburton County. Children learn through the arts and this program makes a difference in the lives of our children. Lorry Brandon, Grade 7 teacher at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School states: “The wide range of arts courses offered is fantastic! The artists have been wonderful to plan with. Their programs suit the needs and interests of my students while meeting the expectations in the new arts curriculum. During our first session with Erin Lynch, every student in my class was totally engaged in the activity. Thank you so much for offering this wonderful experience for our students!”

It costs approximately \$30,000 to fund the program in selected grades in each school. There is currently no sustainable funding in place for this program. So, like so many other wonderful organizations in our county we must fundraise and your support of the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands Bowl-a-Thon will go a long way to keep the artists in the schools.

Eight teams have registered so far for this year’s bowl-a-thon. Trillium Team (Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton) and Parker Pad and Printing are fielding teams for the bowl-a-thon and are putting out the challenge to other companies and organizations in Haliburton County.

“There are many businesses who directly benefit from the arts in our community,” says Janis Parker, owner of Parker Pad and Printing. “Let’s support the Arts Council in their fundraising efforts.”

Where: The Fast Lane (located in the Shell Plaza, Highway 35, Minden).

When: Saturday, April 16

Two flights to choose from: 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm and 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm

How: Individual and team entries are welcome!

To participate and to pick up your pledge form contact: Donna Gagnon 705-457-8033 or The Fast Lane 705-286-3900.

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a pledge please contact education coordinator, Gail Stelter at gail@haliburtonarts.on.ca. Or call Gail at 705-457-8033

Keep the Artists in the Schools!

Genealogy group looks for yearbooks

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Don Hinchley’s presentation is intended to assist researchers by revealing some of the sources not readily apparent to those whose exposure to the educational system did not extend past being a student. Regular features at the meeting include the bring and win Raffle and refreshments are available. There is no admission charge and guests are most welcome to attend.

On a further note the HHGG is trying to collect copies of all years of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School yearbooks for the resource room in the Minden Hills library. If anyone has copies they would like to find a good home for by donating them please contact Carol Simmons at 705-286-3588.

The annual dinner auction, a major community fundraiser sponsored by the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development, takes place at the Galway Hall on Saturday, April 30. Tickets are \$25. and sell out quickly so to avoid disappointment give Diane a call at 705-488-2635. Donations for the country, silent, Loonie and live Auction are most welcome and should be directed through that same number. See you there.

Sadly our resident pair of Canada geese arrived too early this week finding the pond still covered in ice. After a single chilly overnight stay they left hopefully to return again soon.

Until next week . . .

Career & Business Opportunities



Township of Algonquin Highlands
ROADS DEPARTMENT

**Employment Opportunity
MAINTENANCE WORKER**

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is looking for a full-time Maintenance Worker (Stanhope Yard) with equipment experience to assist with all aspects of municipal summer and winter maintenance programs.

The successful applicant must have a clean driver’s abstract along with a proven ability to operate equipment such as lawnmowers, weed eaters and lawn tractors, etc. A class DZ driver’s license is also an asset.

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A detailed job description is available online at www.algonquinhighlands.ca or upon request.

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Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Rd.
Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1

ATT: Mr. Brian Whetstone CRS-S
Manager of Operations
Tel. 705-489-2379

We thank all applicants and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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The Corporation of the County of Haliburton is accepting applications for the position of
MANAGER OF PLANNING

Reporting to the Director of Planning, the Manager of Planning combines the duties of Secretary-Treasurer of Land Division Services, with other planning responsibilities associated with the County Official Plan, GIS administration and special projects.

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This position provides a comprehensive benefit package, participation in OMERS and a salary range of \$60,320 to \$69,929 per annum (2010 rates). Copies of the detailed job description are available upon request.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a covering letter and resume, no later than Thursday, April 7th, 2011 via email to:

Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk and HR Manager
twilbee@county.haliburton.on.ca



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Angie Bird, A.M.C.T., CMM1
Chief Administrative Officer
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Rd.
Algonquin Highlands, ON
K0M 1J1
T: (705) 489-2379 Ext. 222
F: (705) 489-3491
Email: abird@algonquinhighlands.ca

31st annual Sweep Into Spring bonspiel a success at Minden Curling Club with 24 teams participating

Minden Curling Club held its 31st annual ladies invitational Sweep into Spring bonspiel this past weekend. The March event is a club tradition that celebrates the arrival of spring and the end of the curling season. This year's theme was Everything Oriental and a full capacity of 24 teams participated.

The bonspiel was sponsored by Ommmh Beauty Boutique which is owned and operated by Shawn Smandych.

The bonspiel starts with Karaoke Friday nite and ends with dinner and prizes for winning curlers. There are prizes for Best Costume and Best Team costumes.

Hostess Gwen Turner would like to thank the committee of Steve Robson, Iain Kay, Nancy Garbutt, Carol Alain, Carolyn Ludlow, Irene and Peter Alexander.

Special thanks to the chefs of Judy and

Chris Price. Also the men servers and clean-up crew of Jack Taylor, Bruce Fisher, Ed Cyr, Wes Lytle, Bert Kennedy and Tony Taylor. Also a big thank you to Ed Joseph, the photographer and Pat Maulson for the beautiful painted pictures.

A big thank you for donations and raffle prizes to Sylvia from Wind in the Willows Spa, Dave and Barb Millington, Mark of Crowne Gallery, Nancy Garbutt, Lisa's Dental, Carolyn Ludlow, Cranberry Cottage, Undercover Books, Sharpley Sports, Cindy's, Patti and Len Goreski, Mary of Kitchens Etc., Marty's Health Food Store, JD Thomas from Stedman's, Mark's Chinese Restaurant, Win Yeug Chinese Restaurant, Debra Lyons of Organic Times, Laurie of Curves, Ed & Sue Yallop from That Place, Dale and John Rider from Buttermilk Falls Resort, Dave and Diane Dollo from Food-

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Family Dentistry, Denise LeBlanc, My Size and Whispers.

The winner this year was from Stayner. skip, Joan Beattie, vice, Anne Hanna, second, Berniece Wise, and lead, Hazel Gilchrist-Parrish.

Best Team Costume was the local Minden Garbutt ladies consisting of Nancy, Janene, Sara, and Deanne.

Submitted by Gwen Turner



Canadian Cancer Society / Société canadienne du cancer

A night to remember...

The Haliburton County Relay For Life Committee members would like to send hugs to The Family & Friends of those that lost their battle against cancer in 2010 and in all the years prior.

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To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Thursday, April 7/11

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Haliburton Soccer League Registration: April 6-7 from 5-7 located at the HHHS Gym Foyer. For more information visit www.haliburtonsoccer.com **SIGN UP NOW TO AVOID LATE FEES**

• **Minden & District Horticultural Society:** First Tuesday of the Month March-November. March & April 1pm May-November 7pm located at the Minden Community Centre for more information call Barb at 705-754-9303 or Liz at 705-447-0151

• **Wednesday:** Bid Euchre 1pm located at the Haliburton Legion. \$2 admission **Thursday: Bid Euchre** 7pm Echo Hills Apt. For more information contact Jean Fletch 705-457-2618

• **March 29: Volunteer Income Tax:** at the Haliburton Legion Every Tuesday starting at 9am to 2pm ending Tuesday April 19. for more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266

• **March 30:** Volunteer Income Tax: at the Haliburton Legion Every Tuesday starting at 9am to 2pm ending Tuesday April 19. for more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266

• **March 31: Buying Your First Home:** The Minden Branch of the Haliburton Public Library presents a series of financial Planning Workshops beginning at 6:30pm Pre-register for these free sessions by calling 705-457-2241

• **April 3:** Free Family Friendly Matinees, Minden Community Centre 1:30pm Yogi Bear (Rated G) 3:15pm Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader (rated PG) NO UNATTENDED CHILDREN THANK YOU

• **April 5: Dental Day at the Haliburton OEYC** 10am – 1pm. A dental Hygienist from HKPR Dental Health team will be available for screenings RSVP 705-457-2989 Minden Dental screenings April 26th 10am- 1pm RSVP 705-286-1770

• **April 6-27:** Baby Massage at OEYC Wednesdays 1-2pm call 705-286-4625 for more information

• **April 8:** HALIBURTON LION'S SPAGHETTI SUPPER: 6-8pm at the Dysart Arena. Adults \$10, Children (under 12) \$6, Family (2 adults, 2 children) \$25. ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT COMMUNITY BETTERMENT & HERITAGE BALLET'S RUSSIA TRIP.

• **April 8:** Highland Lake Community Church Bread for Life Dinner at the Minden Hills Community Centre Doors open @ 12pm lunch served from 12:30-1:30pm Transportation available for more information call 705-286-0700

• **April 9:** Kinmount United Church presents THE TARNISHED ANGELS BAND at 2 pm Tickets \$10 (children free) . For further information call 705-288-2129

• **April 10:** Minden Legion Pancake Breakfast 10am – 1pm \$6.00 with Food bank Donation \$8.50 with out. Children under 12 \$4.00

April 11: Haliburton Highlands Grannies Spring Meeting at 1:30pm at Zion United Church in Canarvan. Guest Speaker Joy Davies. A spare change collection will be held at this meeting, all proceeds from Granny events go to Stephen Luis Foundation. For Further information call Mickey at 705-286-2198

April 13: Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild Meeting at Stanhope Community Centre @ 1pm Come and hear Jacqui Clarkson speak on "Why we need yellow in our life" Doors open at 10 am for anyone interested in learning "piecelique" taught by Nancy Johnston. Everyone Welcome for more information call Sharon @ 705-286-1531

April 13: Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held at the Minden Legion, 12847 HWY #35 Doors open 6pm Topic: The Hidden Genealogical Treasures in Our Education System. Speaker Don Hinchley For more information call Gail 705-286-2225

April 16: Maplefest all you can eat Brunch and Bake Sale. Lochlin United Church, Lochline Rd Off Gelert Road. Adults \$6.00 Children under 12 \$3.00 Preschoolers free

April 16: Gooderham United Church Easter Bake Sale 10am to 3pm Lunch Available

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis.** While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to jmceathron@mindentimes.ca or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to jmceathron@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

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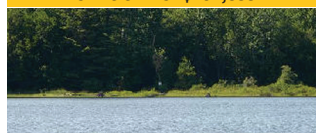
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Peter Franzen 286-2138 x 52

Hwy 35 - \$225,000



Great commercial lot. Close to Foodland, Home Hardware and other new business

John Hincks 286-2138 x 27

Clear Lake \$349,000



Terrific 3 bedroom cottage with fireplace year round access and sunset views.

David Lee 286-2138 x 27

Minden Townhome \$164,000



This end-unit, 2 storey townhome is in immaculate condition. Large principal rooms open onto sunroom and back deck for your entertaining pleasure. Two bedrooms, both with ensuite baths. This one won't last!

Tom Gardner 286-2138 x 30

Beautiful Aurora Condo \$599,000



Fabulous 4th floor corner unit in excellent location. Over 1600 sq. ft. with open concept great room, 2 BRs, 3 baths, Den, many upgrades including engineered hardwood. Underground parking. Fantastic common areas include pool, exercise room and guest suite.

John Hincks 286-2138 x 50

Traditional Haliburton Cottage \$489,900



Excellent privacy on this 1 acre lot with to 249' on Halls Lake. 3 BR cottage features large living room with stone fireplace and a sunroom. Gazebo & boathouse with dock.

Anne Moulton 286-2138 x 24

This May Be The One!



Sparkling fresh with attention to craftsmanship, this waterfront vacation property provides outstanding views of Moore Lake. The home includes three bedrooms, two and half baths and private guest accommodations. Many other features. By appointment only.

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26

A Home in the Country \$309,900



A special opportunity to have your own extremely private 100 acres. Backing on to hundreds of acres of crown land. Features large pond, spacious 3 BR bungalow, back-up generator panel and garage/workshop.

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34

Established Business Opportunity



Restaurant and/or Commercial Business, Main St, Minden. Turn-key operation with established clientele. Approx 5000 total Sq Ft. Town Sewers/Water. Call for further details

Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30

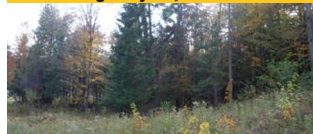
Residential Home \$187,900



1.3 private acres year round with all the WANTS!! Custom Kitchen, newer bathrooms, antique wood floors, level land close to lakes, Haliburton and Ski Hill! Has to be seen to appreciate!

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22

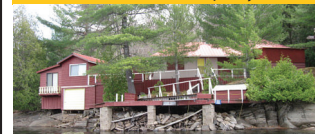
Highway 35, Minden



Two prime building lots just north of Minden Subaru; large frontages; easy access from highway; driveways are in; \$125,000 - 3.5 acres; \$99,000 - 3.1 acres; commercial use possible; HST in addition.

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52

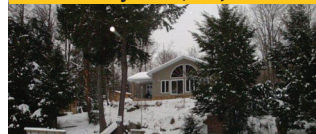
Little Hawk Lake \$299,000



Boat Little & Big Hawk Lakes from this beautiful completely furnished cottage also comes with a 2 bedroom bunkie, chalet & workshop. Bonus - 4 boats & 2 canoes!

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28

Stormy Lake \$459,000



Newly finished 4 Season Cottage features 2 Baths, 2 Bdrms +Den; 200' of lake frontage, BIS Fireplace; Cathedral Ceilings; Bunkie & Storage Shed.

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29

Residential/Industrial \$495,000



Uniquely zoned in-town property allows for residential with home industry. Beautiful two bedroom residence plus five-bay garage on six acres close to Haliburton.

Deborah Deremo 457-2128 x 58

Gull Lake \$289,500



3 bedroom, turn-key cottage with south-east exposure on a sought-after lake. Less than 2 hours from Toronto. Rock and sand shoreline. Many recent upgrades.

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25

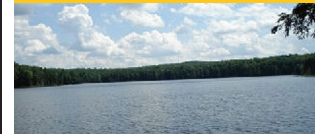
Boshkung Lake Lot \$349,900



Rare find on Boshkung Lake. Vacant waterfront lot with 285' of waterfront. Alternative building sites to choose from. Outstanding privacy, clean waterfront, big lake view and 3 lakes of boating!

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25

West Lake



Adjacent lots on beautiful West Lake offer a combined frontage of over 300 feet of shoreline! Total privacy, gorgeous mature trees, paved township road, minutes to town, Hydro and Bell at the lots, and great views. Can be purchased together or separately. Offered at \$199,900 each

Derrell & Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24



Drew Bishop**
457-2128 x 23



Janice Brookes *
457-2128 x 22



Dagmar Boettcher*
489-9968



Deborah Deremo**
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**Susanne James *
& Andy Mosher ****
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VanLieshout****
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